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## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, April 28, 1921, 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law met at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., at 2.30 o'clock, p. m. The Chairman, Honorable Oscar S. Straus, presided.

### Present:

Hon. Chandler P. Anderson	Prof. John H. Latané
Mr. Charles Henry Butler	Mr. Breckinridge Long
Mr. Frederic R. Coudert	Mr. Frank C. Partridge
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory	Mr. Jackson H. Ralston
Prof. Amos S. Hershey	Hon. Elihu Root
Dr. David Jayne Hill	Mr. James Brown Scott
Mr. Charles Cheney Hyde	Admiral Charles H. Stockton
Mr. George W. Kirchwey	Hon. Oscar S. Straus
Hon. Robert Lansing	Prof. George G. Wilson
Mr. Lester H. Woolsey	

Mr. George A. Finch, Assistant Secretary, was also in attendance.

The reading of the minutes of November 13, 1920, was, upon motion, dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in the Proceedings.

The following Treasurer's report for the year January 1 to December 31, 1920, was submitted by Mr. CHANDLER P. ANDERSON:

### TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1920

#### INVESTMENT STATEMENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

RECEIPTS		
Life membership dues, 29 life members at \$100 each . . . . .		\$2,900.00
INVESTMENTS		
June 23, 1906. 1 \$500 Central Pacific first mortgage 4% bond at 102 with commissions . . . . .		\$510.63
Dec. 21, 1906. 1 \$500 Central Pacific first mortgage 4% bond at 100½ with commissions . . . . .		503.73
Nov. 14, 1907. 1 \$500 Central Pacific first mortgage 4% bond at 90 with commissions . . . . .		451.08
July 2, 1908. 1 \$500 Central Pacific first mortgage 4% bond at 97½ with commissions . . . . .		486.75
Mar. 13, 1917. 1 \$500 Central Pacific first mortgage 4% bond at 90 with commissions . . . . .		452.95
		\$2,405.14
Dec. 31, 1920. Balance on deposit at Riggs National Bank . . . .		\$ 194.86

## INVESTMENT FROM INCOME ACCOUNT

May,	1918.	\$5000 U. S. Third Liberty Loan Bonds 4½%	\$5,000.00
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## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Jan.	1, 1920.	Balance on deposit at Riggs National Bank	\$494.86
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## INCOME ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

Balance on deposit at Union Trust Company, carried forward from previous account		\$1,780.10
Balance on deposit at Riggs National Bank, carried forward from previous account		5,022.53
Annual Dues:		
1907-18	\$45.00	
1919	318.46	
1920	4,175.00	
1921	65.50	
		4,603.96
Foreign postage		54.61
Exchange on checks		.52
Income from investment of life membership dues (5 Central Pacific R. R. Co. \$500 4% bonds)		100.00
Spanish edition of American Journal of International Law		2,005.00
Annual Proceedings, 1920		928.08
Annual Proceedings, 1921		10.50
Annual Proceedings, previous years		4.55
Subscription to Journal (transferred Oxford Press)		4.00
Special Supplement		4.50
Interest:		
Riggs National Bank	\$84.24	
Union Trust Company	53.79	
Coupons \$5,000 Third Liberty Loan	212.50	
		350.53
		<u>\$14,868.88</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salary account:		
George A. Finch, Secretary of Board of Editors and Business Manager	\$1,600.00	
H. K. Thompson, Assistant to Treasurer	325.00	
Account clerical assistance:		
Wilbur S. Finch	\$150.00	
Esther O'Connor	65.00	
Minnie J. Robinson	380.00	
Josephine M. Xanten	200.00	
	795.00	
		\$2,720.00
Secretary's disbursements:		
Postage, telegrams, express, etc.		41.90
Treasurer's disbursements:		
Postage, telegrams, express, etc.		19.69
Stationery:		
Byron S. Adams	\$113.75	
Globe Wernicke Co.	3.50	
		117.25
Annual Meeting:		
James R. Wick		82.00
Subscription to Journal (transferred to Oxford Press)		4.00
Carried forward	\$2,984.84	<u>\$14,868.88</u>

Forward ..... \$2,984.84 \$14,868.88

DISBURSEMENTS—Continued

Advertising account:

Printing—Kuehn Bros. & Co. .... \$417.95  
 American Bar Association—list ..... 2.00  
 Check list, Rose MacFarlane ..... 2.50

422.45

Journal:

Oxford University Press, publishing journals for  
 1917, 1918 and 1919 ..... \$5,012.52  
 Baker, Voorhis & Co. (copies of previous numbers) ..... 10.37

\$5,022.89

Preparation:

Wilbur S. Finch ..... \$90.00  
 Kathryn Sellers ..... 25.00  
 Clarence E. Davis ..... 6.00  
 J. V. O'Hare ..... 16.38

137.38

5,160.27

Furniture account:

H. F. Warneson & Co., bookbinding... \$175.75  
 University Book Bindery, bookbinding.. 17.50  
 J. of Amer. Inst. of Criminal Law and  
 Criminology ..... 2.70  
 North American Review ..... 6.10

202.05

8,769.61

\$6,099.27

Temporary investment:

\$2,500 5½% U. S. Certificates due June 15, 1921 ..... 2,500.00

\$3,599.27

Dec. 31, 1920. Balance at Union Trust Company ..... \$1,833.89

Dec. 31, 1920. Balance at Riggs National Bank ..... 1,765.38

\$3,599.27

NOTE: Account of Oxford University Press for publishing the 1920 Journal to be paid in 1921.

ASSETS.

December 31, 1920.

5 Central Pacific R. R. 5% first mortgage bonds (cost price) ..... \$2,405.14

\$5,000 U. S. Third Liberty Loan, 4½% bonds (cost price) ..... 5,000.00

\$2,500 U. S. 5½% Certificate due June 15, 1921 ..... 2,500.00

Riggs National Bank:

Principal account ..... \$494.86

Income account ..... 1,765.38

2,260.24

Union Trust Company ..... 1,833.89

\$13,999.27

Accounts payable:

Oxford University Press for publishing 1921 Journal.

Accounts receivable:

Unpaid membership dues. (Estimated about 150 will pay in subsequent years.)

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Recording Secretary, Mr. JAMES BROWN SCOTT, stated that he had nothing of importance to report in addition to the report which he rendered to the Executive Council at its meeting on November 13th last.

He submitted an application for life membership from Dr. Henriquez y Carvajal, former President of Santo Domingo, accompanied by the required membership fee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Henriquez y Carvajal was unanimously elected to life membership.

As Editor-in-Chief, Mr. SCOTT reported that the Journal had been issued regularly and on time during the preceding year, and that the members of the Editorial Board had cooperated in this happy result. He also expressed appreciation of the services of the Secretary of the Board.

He further reported that the Proceedings of the Executive Council of November 13th had been published, as directed by the Council, and distributed in bound form to all members of the Society who had subscribed. Finally, he reported that the Cumulative Index to the Society's publications from the beginning up to the end of the year 1920 had been completed by Mr. Finch, was in course of publication, and was expected to appear within a month or six weeks.

Professor GEORGE G. WILSON, Chairman of the Committee on Honorary Members, reported that it seemed inexpedient, owing to present conditions in the world, for the Society to put its stamp of approval upon any particular man, by electing him to honorary membership, until conditions of peace are restored.

The appointment of a Committee on Nominations for officers was next in order. Before proceeding to the appointment of the members of the Committee, the RECORDING SECRETARY explained that, owing to the omission of the meetings of the Society in the years 1918, 1919, and 1920, all officers and members of the Executive Council elected by the Society were holding over *ad interim* and it would be necessary to elect their successors at the present meeting of the Society.

The CHAIRMAN was thereupon, upon motion duly made and seconded, authorized to appoint a Committee on Nominations, of five members, to report to the meeting of the Society on Saturday morning, April 30th.

Mr. SCOTT further suggested that the meetings of the Executive Council held in lieu of the meetings of the Society during the three preceding years, had proved so valuable in the discussion of the subject in which the Society is interested and in planning the work of the Society, that it might be advisable to continue such meetings during the intervals between annual meetings of the Society and to have the Council report its proceedings at such meetings to the Society at each annual meeting. After considerable discussion, it was decided not to take any formal action, but to bear the suggestion in mind in the nomination of new members of the Council.

Professor GEORGE G. WILSON suggested the desirability of placing an interval between the successive periods of service of the different classes of membership in the Executive Council. He thought that at least a period of a year should elapse after a member is retired from the Council before he should be eligible for reelection. The suggestion met with the unanimous

approval of the members of the Council, and the proper method of carrying it into effect was discussed at length. It developed that such a provision would require an amendment of the constitution and that, therefore, it would be impossible to adopt it at the present meeting of the Society. It also seemed undesirable that such an amendment should operate to require a change in the personnel of the permanent administrative officers who carry on the Society's work in detail and who are now elected by the Executive Council from among its members.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. ROBERT LANSING moved that the following sentence be added to the first paragraph of Article 4 of the constitution: "No elected member of the Executive Council shall be eligible for reelection until the second annual meeting after the expiration of his term of office."

Mr. ELIHU ROOT then moved that the second paragraph of Article 4 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Council, and shall, during their terms of office, be *ex officio* members thereof."

Upon motion then duly made and seconded, both proposed amendments of the constitution were referred to the Executive Committee, with power to redraft Article 4 so as to carry out the intentions of the Executive Council, and to notify the proposed amendment to the members of the Society for consideration and action at the next annual meeting.

Miscellaneous business was then in order.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. CHARLES HENRY BUTLER, presented a letter of April 20, 1921, from Mr. Francis B. James, Chairman of the Committee of Commerce, Trade and Commercial Law, of the American Bar Association, calling attention to a public meeting of that committee in New York City, May 2-4, 1921, and inviting the members of the Society to attend. The Council directed that the notice and invitation be read to the members of the Society at a public session.

The Recording Secretary, Mr. JAMES BROWN SCOTT, laid before the Council a circular describing the Institute of Politics to be held at Williams College in July and August next, and Mr. BUTLER, the Corresponding Secretary, conveyed an oral invitation from President Harry A. Garfield, of Williams College, to the members of the Executive Council to attend these lectures. After consideration, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law appreciates and thanks the Institute of Politics for its polite invitation to attend the first session of the Institute, to be held at Williamstown in July and August of the present year, and assures the Institute of its great interest in the work which is proposed.

The Assistant Secretary was requested to obtain a sufficient number of circulars describing the Institute, and send one to each member of the Council.

Mr. GEORGE A. FINCH, the Assistant Secretary, reported that representatives of the press had inquired if any arrangements would be made to enable them to report the speeches at the Society's annual banquet, and he inquired if the practice followed heretofore of excluding newspaper men from the banquet would prevail. After discussion, the Executive Council directed that seats be provided after the dinner for the representatives of the local papers and the press associations.

Whereupon, the Executive Council, at 4.15 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Saturday, April 30th, immediately after the adjournment of the Society.

OSCAR S. STRAUS,  
*Chairman.*

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,  
*Recording Secretary.*